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COVID kits, counselling for home-isolated patients

Separate home isolation kits for adults, children and infants

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad** (third from left) **monitors the preparation of home isolation kits in the District Office Complex at Siddartha Layout this morning. Picture right shows doctors counselling and noting down details of patients under home isolation.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Jan. 23- The exercise to prepare thousands of COVID-19 home isolation kits for distribution among people with infection symptoms, even as the disease is running rampant in Mysuru, has turned the new District Office Complex at Siddartha Layout on Bannur Road into a beehive of activity.

Mysuru, which has been witnessing a daily spike since last week, has more patients in home isolation than in hospitals and COVID Care Centres. To help these patients, the District Administration is delivering home isolation kits to patients fighting the disease at their homes.

Teams of the Health Department, AYUSH Department and the Revenue Department are handling home isolation management. In particular, the medical staff, Anganwadi workers, taluk administrations and volunteers play an important role.

Yesterday, Mysuru reported an alarming highest single-day spike in COVID-19 cases with 4,601 testing positive. The previous highest was around 3,500 cases which was reported in the second wave last year.

As per the technical data released by the State COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), in Mysuru, the daily fresh infections will be on an average from 2,250 to 7,000 cases after Jan. 25.

(See COVID KITS on page 5)

Quack in the tent

'Cure-all' roadside medicine sellers are thriving at a rapid pace in city

By Mohan Kayaka

Mysuru, Jan. 23- Unregistered medical practitioners (quacks) continue to operate in many tents by the side of roads in Mysuru. Large banners can be seen in front of such tents declaring loudly that there is a cure for all diseases — whether it be sexual problems or kidney trouble, the herbal medicines available here come with a promise that the patient will be cured within 10-15 days. They claim to possess long years of traditional healing experience.

They claim to provide treatment for various ailments, keeping their medicines or herbs in dirty containers. Mainly they attract poor people who can't afford costly treatment. These quacks claim that they have learnt the cures from their older generations and their families are well-known in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Punjab.

Medicines here cost anywhere between Rs. 200 to over Rs. 3,500 where patients can 'take consultation' for any number of diseases such as jaundice, viral fever, chicken pox, polio, paralysis, blood pressure, piles, diabetes, asthma, kidney disorders, sex problems, irregular periods, obesity, skin problems, constipation and even far severe ailments. They claim to provide a magical cure for erectile dysfunction.

A majority of these tents have come up on H.D. Kote Road, Hunsur Road, Bannur Road, T. Narasipura Road, KRS Road and even some of them are within the city limits on many open spaces along the Ring Road and some of them have camped around Manasagangothri near All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH).

These tents do not attract attention as they make it a point not to stay in one place for more than 10 to 15 days. Later they find suitable areas and are available for phone consultation as they have displayed their phone numbers in bold font in front of their tents.

They assure visitors that they have in-depth knowledge of traditional medicines and are well-versed with Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy, Ayurveda and Naturopathy. However, without any stringent guidelines, these roadside medicine sellers are thriving at a rapid pace and many such tents are established without the required licences or the degrees.

(See TENT on page 5)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 23rd January 2022

Akshaya Patra Foundation to vaccinate 25,000 people

Bengaluru, Jan. 23 (UNI)- The Akshaya Patra Foundation, which launched a 20-day incentivised vaccination camp on Jan. 10 at its kitchen premises in Jigani, has given the second jab for 5,000 people and aims to vaccinate 25,000 people in this semi-urban and industrial area.

Previously, the Foundation had successfully vaccinated over 15,000 people with their first dose on the same premises.

The Foundation strives to address vaccine hesitancy among marginalised populations through its incentivised vaccination drives. Every person receives pre-jab refreshments, post-jab lunch and a Raksha Kit, a customised ration kit with groceries for 21 meal servings, all free of cost.

Each Raksha Kit consists of 1 kg rice, 1 kg wheat flour, 500 gm tur dal, 500 gm desi channa, 500 gm green moong whole, 250 gm peanuts, 200 gm turmeric powder, 1 kg sugar, 1 kg salt, one litre refined oil and one bar of soap. The Foundation collaborates with a volunteering partner for manpower requirements.

The Foundation has so far vaccinated over 1 lakh individuals across Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru. It aims to cover 2 lakh individuals across the country in the next 3-4 months.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that strives to address classroom hunger and malnutrition in India.

By implementing the Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Government and Government-aided schools, Akshaya Patra aims to fight hunger and, at the same time, bring children to school.

Since 2000, Akshaya Patra has worked towards reaching out to children with wholesome food every single school day.

The Foundation is continuously leveraging technology to cater to millions of children. Its state-of-the-art kitchens have become a subject of study and attract curious visitors from around the world.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The anti-conversion Bill in Karnataka kicked up a storm of arguments recently. The Bill was passed in the Legislative Assembly days before Christmas but is yet to get passage in the Legislative Council. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai brought this Bill in such a tearing hurry that it seemed he was only covering up his lack of electoral appeal and administrative inefficiency. Not to mention the other dark clouds gathering over his Government. The local media has constantly highlighted the mercenary attitude of the system he heads.

When a leader cannot use the tools of reason to engage and persuade, when he has no patience or regard for democratic methods, he takes out creamy cupcakes of emotion and breadsticks of sophistry to serve people. Bommai, who is without a proper mandate on the Chief Minister's chair, has done just that. He is accused of serving his ideological benefactors, who judge his every step and remind him at every bend that he grew up in an alien political yard — meaning, his father was schooled in a different tradition and he carries his name. It is this memory that is held to ransom and placed next to the largesse of power they have bestowed on him. Is his faithfulness to that memory or to power? That is a question that perhaps swirled around some time ago, but with the anti-conversion Bill, he has confirmed his choice. There is no longer a dilemma. The BJP knows that it will lose the next election under Bommai or whoever else may replace him (if the rumours are to be believed), so this is a long-term move of the party to shed its caste saffron and smear itself with that of religion.

—Sugata Srinivasaraju in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Sheep, goats form syringe to encourage vaccination

Berlin: Tasty bits of bread did the trick for about 700 sheep and goats to join Germany's drive to encourage more people to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The animals were arranged into the shape of a roughly 330-foot syringe in a field at Schneverdingen, south of Hamburg. Shepherd Wiebke Schmidt-Kochan spent several days practicing with her animals, according to the sources.

But she said in the end, it wasn't difficult to work things out — she laid out pieces of bread in the shape of the syringe, which the sheep and goats gobbled up when they were let out into the field.

Artiste holds concert for dogs in New York

New York: Performance artiste Laurie Anderson gave an audience of dogs the best night of their lives in New York with a musical concert especially for them. The free event in Times Square was set up in tribute to 9/11 first responder dogs, with electronic sounds played to the animals over low-decibel speakers. It wasn't long before dogs start barking and howling at the unexpected noises. Their humans could join in too with 'silent disco' style headphones.

Canines in attendance were fans of "cool jazz" and Quicksilver Messenger Service, according to the Sources. Anderson's first feature-length film Heart of a Dog has been shortlisted for an Oscar and a three-minute adaptation is showing on billboards in the square just before midnight throughout January.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Vitamin E: Antioxidant that fights infections in the body.

Source: Vitamin E is found in plant-based oils like Sunflower, safflowerand soybean oil, nuts(almonds, peanuts, and hazelnuts), seeds (Sunflower seeds)and vegetables(spinach, broccoli, pumpkin, Asparagus).

By Kavya J - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Jan. 23- **Sneha Shankar** has been awarded Ph.D in Business Administration (Management) by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Corporate Restructuring: A Study of Select Indian Pharmaceutical Companies' submitted under guidance of Dr. D. Anand.

M. Ramesha has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis 'Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy, A.K. Hampanna Mattu L. Hanumantaiah Avara Kavyagala Toulanika Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. K.N. Ganganaik].

R. Shivakumar has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis 'Vachana Sahitya: Vivaha Mattu Kutumbha Parikalpane' [Guide: Dr. N.K. Lolakshi].

P. Nagendra has been awarded Ph.D in Earth Science by the UoM for his thesis 'Geotechnical Analysis of Soil and Lithology for Construction of Multistoried Structures Around Mysore City' [Guide: Dr. B.V. Suresh Kumar].

REALLY...?

- ***Sikhism originated in the Holy City of Amritsar in Punjab. Famous for housing the Golden Temple, the city was founded in 1577.***
- ***Martial arts were first created in India, and later spread to Asia by Buddhist Missionaries.***
- ***One common method is particularly in the Asian martial arts, it is the form or kata.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boss hangs a poster in Office:
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He returns from lunch, finds a slip on his desk:
"Your wife called, she wants her poster back home!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.40
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.84
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.26
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.41

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 22
Day's Positive Cases	915	4,601
Total Positive Cases	1,94,070	1,98,671
Day's Discharges	1,544	1,050
Total Discharges	1,82,644	1,83,694
Day's Deaths	3	1
Total Deaths	2,450	2,451
Total Active Cases	8,976	12,526

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

More on Ring Road mishaps

Sir,

This is in response to Vijay Hemmige's letter titled ***"Ring Road accidents: Some thoughts"*** (*SOM* dated Jan. 20) and I wish to share some useful points: **1.** There are three Railway Underpasses on the stretch between Columbia Asia Hospital - Metagalli junction and none of them have any lights, which is most important.

2. On the road leading from Metagalli junction next to the Underpass, the road takes deviation after a few feet and the light of opposite vehicles blares the drivers vision and the chances of accident is very high. MUDA must immediately act to make the exit at Underpass easy.

Being a regular user, I feel, if the above are rectified, accidents can be brought down drastically.

—G. Sreenivasa Murthy
Vidyashankar Layout
20.1.2022

State-wide protest tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (PM&DM)- Urging the State and Union Governments to come to the aid of people who are affected by the COVID pandemic during the third wave of the attack, Left parties will hold a State-wide demonstration tomorrow (Jan. 24).

Addressing a joint press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, leaders of seven Left parties including CPI, CPI(M), SUCI, CPI-ML and Swaraj India, sought the support of the people for the demonstration which is being held as part of *'Save life, Livelihood and Let live'* campaign.

Jagadish Surya of CPI(M) wanted the Government to pay Rs. 4 lakh as compensation to COVID-affected families. He also sought monthly financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 to each BPL family, a hike in MNREGA wages, waiver of school fees, waiver of farm loans and implementation of pro-people policies, among others.

SUCI District Secretary B. Ravi said that global economic inequality has further widened following the outbreak of the pandemic. Maintaining that India is no different as the financial condition of the poor and middle class has only got worsened since the pandemic outbreak, he charged the Centre of supporting only a handful of capitalists, at a time when it should have come to the rescue of the common man, who is reeling under the hardships of the pandemic.

CPI-ML leader Chowdalli Javaraiah alleged that the Government was depriving poor students of education by converting residential schools as COVID Care Centres.

Contending that online education was beneficial only to rich students, he said that the Government should take over private hospitals for providing free treatment to the poor.

Swaraj India leader Ugranarasimhagowda warned the Government against snatching away the livelihood of the poor through flawed policies. He wanted the Government to implement only pro-people programmes and refrain from introducing anti-people policies.

A poster on the Jan. 24 State-wide protest was also released on the occasion.

CPI leader Devadas and others were present.

PM for public-administration link for progress

Modi holds virtual meet of District Magistrates

Narendra Modi

New Delhi, Jan. 23 (UNI)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday stressed the need for direct connection between the administration and the public to develop aspirational districts and said one of the important aspects for this was technology and innovation.

"For development in aspirational districts, a direct connection between the administration and public is very important which is 'top to bottom' and 'bottom to top' flow of governance," he virtually told a meeting of District Magistrates from across the country. "The important aspect of it is technology and innovation," he added.

The Prime Minister said convergence was a major reason for the success the country was achieving in the aspirational districts and added that the Government was committed to develop these districts.

"Convergence is a major reason for the success the country is achieving in the aspirational districts. These districts are eliminating the obstacles of the progress of the country and are becoming accelerators instead of stagnation with all of your efforts," Modi told the District Magistrates.

Elated over the performance of the aspirational districts, he said: "Our aspirational districts have shown us that if we follow the model of 'good governance', we will get better outcome with optimum utilisation of resources. The work done in these districts is a matter of study for big Universities."

Modi called upon the District Magistrates to set a 'mission' to make an imprint of their respective districts at the national level by focusing on the potential of their areas and promoting it through 'vocal for local.'

He advocated developing detailed guidelines for field visits, inspections and night halts for proper implementation and monitoring.

City Scientist to speak at Natl. Girl Child Day Workshop

Mysuru, Jan. 23- Dr. Renu Agrawal, former Chief Scientist, CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), will be speaking on Gender Sensitisation on the occasion of National Girl Child Day (Jan. 24) at the second sensitisation or mentoring workshop for GATI (Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions) organised by the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, by ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar, UP, which will be conducted in a virtual mode.

Dr. Renu Agrawal

ICAR-IVRI has been chosen among the top 30 selected institutions from all over the country for implementation of Pilot on 'GATI,' a prestigious Project of the Department of Science & Technology, GoI, announced on Feb. 28, 2020, the National Science Day, by the President of India at a celebratory programme dedicated to Women in Science held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

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12	Place of Tender opening	O/o Accounts Officer, BARC, Building No. 2

Chief Engineer
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
For & on behalf of the President of India

Government issues notification for appointment of teachers

Bengaluru, Jan. 23- In a major recruitment drive, the State Government has issued notification for appointment of 15,000 Graduate teachers to teach classes sixth to eighth in Government Primary Schools.

The notification contains details about the educational qualifications required and age limit. In a first, the Government has made graduation mandatory for all applicants and even engineering graduates too can apply. The notification has also provided several options for the applicants.

The Government has invited any objections or suggestions for the notification, which should be addressed to the Principal Secretary, Education Department (Primary and Higher Secondary education), Multi-storied building, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru - 560001.

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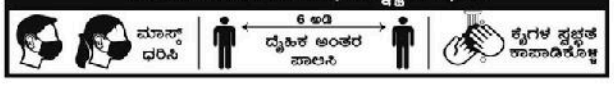

Parents face harrowing time in getting their child's dead body

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (GA&KS)- The parents of a two-year-old child, had to undergo harrowing experience to get the dead body of their child, who had died of COVID. The incident took place at Cheluvamba Hospital on Friday and the parents had to wait from 10 am to 3 pm to get the child's body.

The child, a native of Chikkamagalur, had come to its grandmother's house in Mysuru. Following respiratory problems, the child was admitted to Cheluvamba Hospital, where it breathed its last and the doctors informed the parents that their child had died of COVID.

When the parents asked the doctors to hand over the body of their child as they would perform its last rites at their native place, the doctors told the couple to get a letter from the District Health Officer (DHO).

It is from this point the couple went through a harrowing time, running from pillar to post and making phone calls to authorities concerned to get the letter.

As per the doctors' instructions, the couple first called DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad and told him about the letter needed to get their child's body. The DHO informed them that it does not come under his limits and told the couple to contact the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office.

The couple then visited the DC Office, where they were told to go the Police Station under which Cheluvamba Hospital comes. The couple then visited the jurisdictional Devaraja Police Station, where they were told to get a letter from the jurisdictional Police Station of the house where the child was staying in Mysuru and then they would see what can be done.

Not knowing what to do, the couple called City Police Commissioner and informed him about the problems being faced by them. The Top Cop informed the couple that such cases come under the DHO and informed the Police personnel stationed at K.R. Hospital. The Police personnel at K.R. Hospital then contacted the Hospital Superintendent and collected information. They then told the couple that there was no need to take permission from anyone here but a consent letter from the Tahsildar or Gram Panchayat member of the place where the child's last rites will be performed is needed.

Futile bids were made by the child's father to contact the authorities at Chikkamagalur and even the villagers and relatives visited the Gram Panchayat Office and informed them about the requirement of the consent letter. But the Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) there told them that they have not received any such guidelines from the Government nor received any information about it.

The distressed parents, with the help of some people contacted Mysuru Tahsildar Rakshith and obtained the phone number of Chikkamagalur Tahsildar. The Couple then contacted Chikkamagalur Tahsildar Dr. Kantharaj and informed him, who in turn spoke with Cheluvamba Hospital Superintendent.

Tahsildar Dr. Kantharaj, who got a letter pertaining to the place of last rites and information about the child on his WhatsApp, told the couple that this does not come under his limits and told the couple to contact Tarikere Tahsildar.

The couple finally contacted Tarikere Tahsildar H.B. Govindappa, who told the couple that he would give the number of the Taluk Health Officer (THO) and told them to contact him. When the couple contacted the THO, he told them to send a letter on his WhatsApp regarding the place of last rites and other information so that he would go through it and then give the consent letter. It was 1 pm by then.

At about 2.45 pm, the THO sent an official consent letter to the WhatsApp of the doctor at Cheluvamba Hospital following which the body was handed over to the couple by following all COVID guidelines.

Meanwhile, the patients and caretakers of the patients at Cheluvamba Hospital expressed sadness for the ordeal the couple underwent to get the body of their child.

Biker critical after tree branch falls

Sudeep

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (GA&KS)- A two-wheeler rider sustained serious injuries and is in a critical state after a huge branch of a tree fell on him at Gokulam on Jan. 13.

The seriously injured two-wheeler rider is 24-year-old Sudeep, a resident of Ankanahalli in Shravanabelagola. He is undergoing treatment at a private hospital in city.

According to his brother Lathish, he and his brother Sudeep had come to Mysuru in search of job and while he (Lathish) was an electrician, his brother Sudeep was working as a service engineer at a private washing machine service centre.

He further said that on Jan. 13, Sudeep had gone to a customer's house in Gokulam for servicing the washing machine and was returning, when a huge branch of a tree fell on his head, causing serious brain injuries and is still in an unconscious state at the private hospital.

Pointing out that they come from a family of agriculturists, he said that the hospital has said that about Rs. 12 lakh would be needed for the treatment.

Lathish said that there are many huge trees that have dried across Mysuru and neither the Forest Department nor the MCC have bothered to clear them and held the Forest and MCC officials responsible for the state his brother is now. "If the MCC or Forest Department officials had taken initiative and chopped down the dry tree, such incident would not have occurred and my brother would not have suffered," he said.

He said that a complaint has been lodged at V.V. Puram Police Station and urged the Forest Department and the MCC to take care of his brother's medical expenses. A letter in this regard has also been given to MP Pratap Simha, he added.

Obituary

M. Mahadevaiah

Mysuru, Jan. 23- M. Mahadevaiah (79), former employee of Prasaranga and a resident of Pampapati Road in Saraswathipuram, passed away yesterday morning following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife M. Bhagya, two daughters, sons-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

His body was donated to JSS Medical College as per his wish.

M.S. Nageshmurthy

M.S. Nageshmurthy (56), priest of Mahaganapathi Temple on New Sayyaji Rao Road and a resident of Railway Layout in Vijayanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind son Rakesh, daughter Meghana, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

S.V. Savithri

S.V. Savithri (84), wife of late Venkataramana Bhat and a resident of Bogadi Railway Layout, passed away on Jan. 21.

She leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Rangamma

Rangamma (84), a resident of Vontikoppal, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Gandhinagar Burial Grounds today.

Timmanayaka

Hunsur: Timmanayaka (70), former President of Taluk Nayaka Samaja, passed away yesterday night at the town.

He leaves behind his wife Devaki, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm land at Dharmapura village today.

P. Mallesh

Periyapatna: P. Mallesh (83), a trader at Periyapatna Santhepet, senior leader of Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha and a resident of Bhanukoti, passed away this morning.

He leaves behind four sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in the town this afternoon.

Former Corporator Prakash Kumar passes away

Prakash Kumar

Mysuru, Jan. 23- Prakash Kumar (68), former Corporator and a resident of Krishnamurthy-puram, passed away yesterday in city.

He had also served as the Vice-President of District Congress Committee and was an organiser of State Seva Dal.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Chain snatched at Yadavagiri

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (MK&KS)- A scooter-borne miscreant has snatched a gold chain of a woman, who was walking in front of her house in Yadavagiri yesterday evening.

The woman, who lost her gold chain, is 35-year-old Deepa. She was walking in front of her house at about 5 pm yesterday, when a miscreant, who came on his scooter from the opposite direction, yanked off her 50 gram s gold chain and sped away.

A case has been registered at V.V. Puram Police Station.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	121.26 feet
Yesterday	:	121.48 feet
Inflow	:	879 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,029 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,282.68 feet
Inflow	:	188 cusecs
Outflow	:	400 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,856.43 feet
Inflow	:	232 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

Vedic scholar from Khanpur Gurukula visits city's Ashtanga Yoga Institute

Yoga Guru Sharath Jois greeting renowned Vedic scholar, Vyakarna Acharya, philosopher and Yogi Parama Pujya Acharya Pradhyumnaji Maharaj from Khanpur Gurukula this morning as (from left) Shruthi Jois, Shraddha Jois, Sambhav Jois and Pujya Sri Divya Jnanananda Swamiji look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (OSR)- Renowned Vedic scholar, Vyakarna Acharya, philosopher and Yogi Parama Pujya Acharya Pradhyumnaji Maharaj from Khanpur Gurukula and his senior disciple Pujya Sri Divya Jnanananda Swamiji were in the city this morning with their disciples. Acharya Pradyumna Maharaj is the guru of renowned Yogi Baba Ramdev.

They visited well-known Ashtanga Yoga Institute Sharath Yoga Centre in Hebbal to meet Yoga Guru Sharath Jois and bless the Centre. They also visited the home of Sharath Jois and interacted with him and his family.

They chanted Veda Mantras, discussed various aspects of yoga, asanas and pranayama and blessed the family with Mantra Padana.

A lot of yogic knowledge was exchanged between them during the interaction. Acharya Pradhyumnaji Maharaj has produced hundreds of scholars from the Gurukula he established at Khanpur, Haryana and at Patanjali Yogpeeth, Haridwar.

He underwent Vedic system of education in various Vedic Gurukulas where he learnt Veda, Vedanga, Shad Darshana, Upanishad, Sankhya, Vedanta, Ayurveda etc. Guruji has specialised in Vyakarana. He is a living legend and an authority par excellence in Pannini's Grammar and Patanjali's Mahabhashya.

Acharya's Gurukula is equated to Harvard in terms of the depth of learning. Many students have gone to study there after their professional courses like medical, engineering, IIT, IIM etc. Many of his students have established organisations spreading this sacred and ancient knowledge and culture.

His classes were telecast on *Aastha* and *Sanskar* channel for over 15 years and he has written many books on Sanskrit grammar, philosophy, Ayurveda and spirituality. He spends most of his time now in spiritual sadhana, teaching Bhagavad Gita, Upanishad and people from all over India and the world attend his classes.

Defeating the cold

Winter's icy embrace is getting longer in Mysuru and there is only one sure-fire way to beat back the cold — A seat in front of a roaring fireplace. *Star of Mysore* ***photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav captures some warm moments at a camp fire near Bogadi Road this morning. The minimum temperature is hovering between 15 degrees Celsius and 17 degrees Celsius these days. Thanks to climate change, the cold season that usually gives a break from Sankranthi has not ceased yet. Spotting the fireplace at Bogadi, a few bikers too took a pit stop warmed their hands before proceeding further.***

Quack in the tent

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Dangerous medication

A doctor said, "Quacks usually provide steroids. There is a threat of fungal infection if their treatment is taken. Their treatment can lead to temporary or permanent loss of vision. Rules of quackery have many loopholes and even if action is taken, these people walk free in no time and get back to their profession. We need stringent laws."

Some people who do not feel too comfortable discussing the problems they are facing in the bedroom with doctors and counsellors stop by these roadside tents. Usually quacks tell these gullible youths that the 'treatment' would take several doses over the next few months. Knowingly, they shell out thousands of rupees in the hope for cure but the cure never happens, despite tall claims by these quacks.

These quacks end up making a lot of money by taking advantage of social reservations about discussing sexual problems. Doctors believe that patients need to understand that secrecy is not as important as delaying getting the treatment, as going to these quacks not only leaves them poorer by several thousands but also leaves the disease untreated.

Section 15 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, prohibits anyone other than registered medical practitioners to practice medicine. Quackery can attract imprisonment up to a year. Sources said that the Department of AYUSH or Drugs Controller or the Police Department can stop such activities and clear such camps.

COVID kits, counselling for home-isolated patients

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As per the data, in Mysuru, there will be a 30 percent increase in positive cases from Jan. 25 (2,246 cases), 60 percent increase from Jan. 28 (4,561 cases) and 100 percent increase in positive cases from Feb. 2 (6,947 cases).

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad told *Star of Mysore* that as the cases will spike, 98 percent of the patients are in home isolation and the administration is gearing up with over 14,000 home isolation kits. "Already, 11,000 kits have been distributed and today we will be ready with over 5,000 kits," he added.

Some of the kits have been sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT) and Automotive Axles Ltd.

There are three types of home isolation kits — for adults that will consist of tablets, masks and sanitisers, for children it will be tonic-based medicines and for infants, the kits will have drop-based medication. Information, before the home isolation kits are handed over, are obtained by the War Room and the triaging centres.

Dedicated teams of doctors, AYUSH doctors, Health and Revenue Department officers are managing the home isolation kits distribution to Block Level Officers (BLOs) at the micro level. Each home isolation kit contains antibiotic/ antiviral, paracetamol, zinc, and multivitamin tablets and drops for children.

The administration has deployed teams for tele-consultancy and coordination with the patients as they are tested positive. The teams work from 9 am to 9 pm and ensure that patients in need of help are given home isolation kits.

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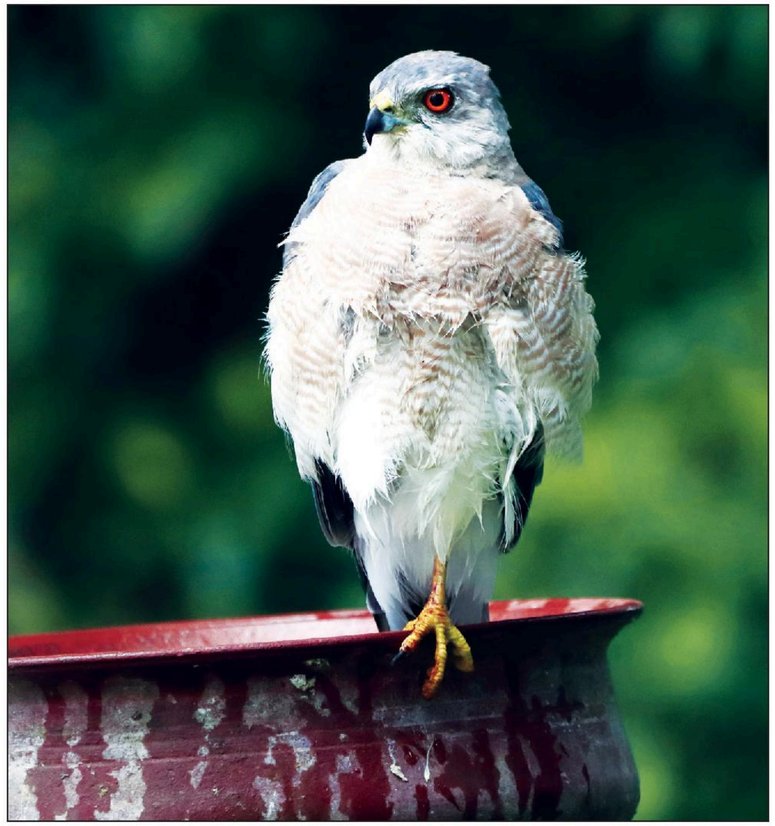
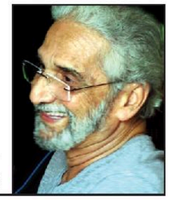
Shikra, the leopard of avian kingdom





By Ragoo Rao
Ethologist

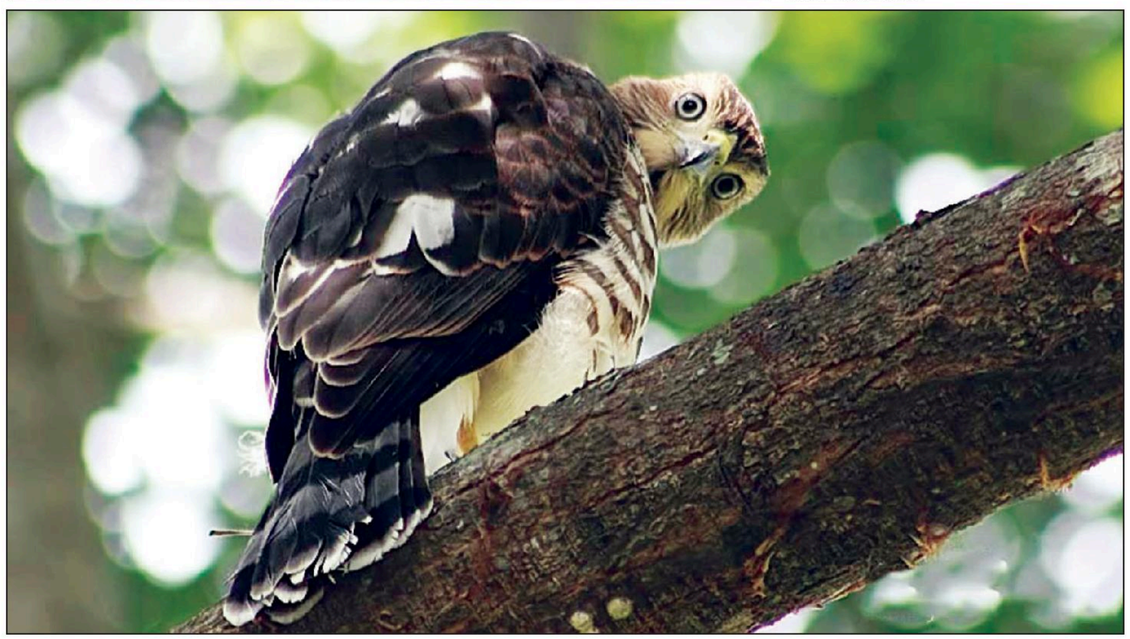
The Shikra has long been known for its great courage, coupled with intellect as a hunter. It is the most common bird used in the art of falconry across the country in pre-independence times. Falconry is the keeping and training of birds of prey, especially the falcon, and hunting with them, a practice still prevalent in Pakistan and a few Gulf countries.

Shikra's name has been derived from Urdu, and the Hindi word, 'shikari', meaning hunter. It justifies its name with majesty. Watching the Shikra hunt makes a lasting impression. Shikra is known as Accipiter badius, in Taxonomy, meaning Accipere in Latin to grasp and badius is Latin, a reddish-brown-grey colour, meaning a grasping or seizing bird with reddish-brown-grey coloured body.

A slightly larger than a pigeon, the Shikra is fierce. Males are greyish above and light coloured in the body with red eyes, while females are brownish grey with yellow-coloured eyes.

Built with long feathered legs to swoop noiselessly on its prey, the Shikra has strong talons to grip the prey and kill them instantly with their vice-like grip. Though there are other raptors in the urban locales, these are not as fierce as the Shikra.

The Shikras are more heard about than sighted in large gardens and also in parks. The early morning calls of the Shikra are familiar to most people. The continuous shrill *"Tikkkeeee…Tikkkee..Tikkkee"* call is heard but the bird is not sighted so easily. The Shikra is most often sighted when it swoops and seizes a prey and flies back.



Born hunters

Shikras are comfortable in urban as well as well-wooded areas. Born hunters they are, they adopt a strategy for a hunt. They plan a hunt, sometimes, rather quite often, Shikras hunt in pairs. The male and female bird in a bonded pair or the fledglings from a clutch, form alliances and hunt.

To hunt, it either takes a low, stealthy flight along the treeline, pouncing on an unwary bird or animal. Sometimes, it soars high in circles and dives down at the sight of prey.

While one of the birds perches deliberately in the open, to be noticed, with the squirrels of the area going into frenzied alarm calls, the other smaller birds of the area also giving out their chattering alarm calls, the other bird waiting for the right moment from a hidden leafy canopied treetop, swoops down with great speed and seizes the prey with its mighty talons and flies off to a perch, to be joined by its partner and share the kill.

Intelligent strategies

Shikras are so intelligent that they seem to understand the habits of other prey animals. One such example is, on cold and cloudy mornings, the garden lizards (othiketha, hentegodda in Kannada) and skinks (*haavurani* in Kannada) being cold-blooded (ectothermic) need to bask in the Sun to warm their bodies to be able to move around with ease. This Sun-basking they do, perching on fence posts, termite mounds or compound walls exposing their body to get the warmth.

The smart Shikra knows this and they hunt so fast and fiercely even before the lizard or snake realises what happened, the Shikra is already dining on them on a tree top. Shikras are opportunistic hunters. Any smaller animals are quite fine to their palates. But it has been observed that some individuals develop a taste for a particular kind of prey. Some love to have garden lizards while some regularly go for only birds. Some specialise in hunting bats.

Small bats about the size of a mouse, that roost in garage rafters or inside storm drain pipes in human dwellings are preferred by some Shikras. To hunt these bats, the Shikra develops a skill to hunt the bats in flight at dusk in very low-light conditions. They even discover the bats day roost and attack and pull them out of the niche in the wall or a rafter.

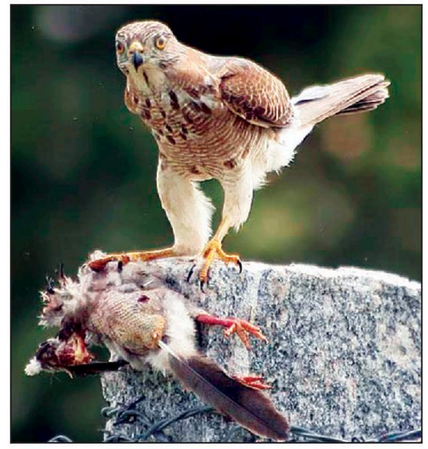
Pair for life

Shikras bond a pair for life. They build a nest in leafy trees like the mango, mahogany and neem trees. The breeding pair regularly breeds every two years in the same nest, by repairing and refurbishing the old nest with new twigs and sticks.

Their nesting season lasts from April to June, which is quite an interesting time to observe their behaviour from a distance. Their nest looks like a loosely built cup of twigs and sticks, untidy, much like that of crows.

They aren't exactly homely birds. However, they do take precautions by building their nests usually in trees, well screened by leaves in order to reduce any kind of outside disturbance. Both males and females incubate the eggs (they believe in equality) but males are the primary food-bearers.

Shikra, the urban hunter, the fearless raptor is also called the leopards of the bird kingdom, owing to their similarity of preying and devouring their prey, on a tree top and stashing away a little on the tree top for the next meal. Exactly like a leopard. Though these birds are not listed in the endangered list of the IUCN, certain local populations are dwindling, owing to habitat degradation ■



Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Of stray Dogs and not-so-stray Men!

I am writing about this subject after reading a front page report in the *Star of Mysore* recently about how citizens are being forced to bear the brunt of an ever increasing population of stray dogs and pigs in our city.

Interestingly, the so-called stray pigs are certainly not really stray as we designate them, as they all invariably have their rightful owners sitting comfortably at home. They have only been allowed to roam free, forage and fend for themselves and eventually sacrifice their lives as an almost no-investment source of income to their 'benami' owners.

But most of the dogs I am talking about, are certainly strays with very few exceptions like **'Buddy'** the stray puppy that adopted me as its very reluctant master about ten years ago on a chill Christmas night and decided to make our home its home too. I have written a full page article about Buddy in *SOM* on 16th, March, 2018. Thankfully we have been living harmoniously ever since and to some extent symbiotically too.

I use the phrase 'to some extant' very appropriately because while we are certainly doing our part in seeing that it is well fed, regularly immunised and bathed and groomed too with the help of our gardener, Buddy does almost next to nothing for us.

On the contrary, going completely against the tenets of proverbial canine loyalty and utility, it barks only at night to keep us awake all through so that we are ourselves vigilant and wary of any unwelcome intruders. And, all through the day it remains as silent as a sage in meditation and unfailingly though silently, it wags its tail vigorously to let every guest and visitor, both welcome and unwelcome, know that ours is an open house where they are most welcome! Naturally, while going back they pet and fondle it and tell us what an affectionate pet we have!

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Now, going back to the stray dogs outside our gate, it is no surprise that with their incessant barking and howling they only induce our own dog to outdo and overtake them in their cacophonic abilities. And, mind you, like the rest of our city dwellers we have a good many of them in our immediate neighbourhood which is no surprise, considering the efficiency or inefficiency of the teams of men deployed by our City Corporation to catch and get them neutered.

I was surprised to read in the report that the MCC is spending a whopping Rs. 3.40 lakh to neuter about 400 dogs every month, which boils down to almost Rs. 850 per dog. And, the report goes on to say that according to the MCC, this amount of Rs. 850 is way below the stipulated sum of Rs. 1,400 that is recommended under the model guidelines for animal sterilization and which is being paid in many other cities including the State capital.

I have a feeling that this amount of Rs. 850 itself, which is being looked down upon by our animal sterilisers, is probably much higher than what our Government pays doctors in its service to sterilise human beings!

The most puzzling thing is that most of the dogs we see in our streets that keep having litters every few months, all proudly flaunt clipped ears as a sign of their legitimate right to live in our midst, in perfect harmony with us.

Now, for the information of those of you who are not aware of it, clipped ears mean that the owners are duly neutered and incapable of having pups and therefore also incapable of being a nuisance to human society. While we should be thankful that this is not how sterilised humans are designated and decorated, the enigma of dogs with clipped ears having litters year after year, reminds me of a joke. It appears a man was grumbling before his friends about how present day surgeons have almost no operating capabilities. He said, it is such a shame that surgeons who charge hefty fees for their services are good for nothing: **"You just take my own case. I have got myself vasectomised by three different, very reputed surgeons and still my wife is continuing to get pregnant year after year!"**

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CM launches website on KR Constituency development works

Bengaluru, Jan. 23 (KMS & DM)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai launched a website on Mysuru's K.R. Constituency development, which also provides information on various Central and State Government schemes, at a programme held in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Bommai also released 'Modi @70 vision document' and 'Samartha Karnataka', a book that focused on the narrative of KR MLA S.A. Ramdas' job generation and skill training melas.

Speaking on the occasion, Bommai said that the website contains a host of information on State and Central Government programmes and helps in their effective implementation.

Maintaining that the State Government is working in accordance with the Prime Minister's dream of providing all Government services under single platform, he said that the book contains vital information on the guidelines and other details.

Pointing out that the book is a treasure containing the achievements of the State Government, the CM said that the book is also like a handbook for administrators and other officials.

Praising Ramdas for all his works as an MLA, Bommai said that the MLA has been successful in reaching Government benefits to targeted beneficiaries.

MLA S.A. Ramdas, Mysuru Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, MCC Corporator Shivakumar, Mysuru BJP leaders M. Vadivelu, Santosh, Devarajegowda, J. Ravi, Om Srinivas, Nagendra Kumar, M.P. Rajesh and others were present.

Minister inaugurates new student hostel

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (MTY&DM)- Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj and District Minister S.T. Somashekar jointly inaugurated the new D. Devaraj Urs Post-Matric Boys Hostel on Adichunchanagiri road in Kuvempunagar here on Friday.

MLA S.A. Ramdas, who presided over the programme, said that the Hostel is built by Backward Classes Welfare Department.

Pointing out that the hostel is a boon for students from backward and rural areas of the district, he said that more and more number of students are seeking hostel admission in the district with each passing year.

Noting that only half of the hostel seekers are getting admission, Ramdas said that the Government has sanctioned 6 hostels for Mysuru district even amidst COVID pandemic.

Maintaining that it has been planned to build more hostels for girl students as well, Ramdas said that one of the six sanctioned hostels will be dedicated for girls from Bhavya Bharat Layout residents of Srirampura.

Continuing, Ramdas said that 14 student hostels are functioning from rented buildings in the district.

He said that the Government was evolving plans for such hostels to have their own buildings in the future.

District Backward Classes Welfare officer H.S. Bindiya, in her address, said there are 18 rooms in the new hostel building, accommodating a total of 120 students.

Pointing out that the new hostel has been built at a cost of Rs.3.28 crore, she said that it is like a model hostel and every inmate should make their stay in the hostel memorable by building a career from here.

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, MP Pratap Simha and others were present on the occasion.

City traders continue to see dip in sales

Mysuru, Jan. 23 (PM&RKB)- Though the Government announced lifting of weekend curfew following a demand from various quarters, city traders are yet to see their normal weekend business, as customers are still not coming to markets for making purchases.

Though many shops in the Central Business District opened yesterday and today following the lifting of weekend curfew, the owners of most of the shops are a disappointed lot as there is no marked improvement in their business, despite weekend holidays. They maintain that they are yet to see normal volume of business, as customers are hardly coming to markets.

Mahmood Khan, owner of a puja articles shop in Devaraja Market told *Star of Mysore* that though there is no weekend curfew, he is yet to see good business as customers are not coming to the markets as expected. Maintaining that people are yet to come out of COVID scare, he said that during pre-COVID times, he used to do business of up to Rs.5,000 on Saturdays and Sundays. But now, on Saturday, he did business of hardly a few hundred rupees and today, only a handful of customers have visited his shop so far. Pointing out that this trend can be seen in other shops of the market too, he noted that many fruit and vegetable traders have shut shops after suffering losses due to poor business following the outbreak of the pandemic.

Ashok, a wholesale onion trader said he did poor business on the first day of the lifting of weekend curfew yesterday and today also, there is not much business for him. With COVID cases rising in the district, people are scared to come out of their homes and this has severely hurt almost all businesses in the Central Business District, he added.

Devaraja Market vegetable vendor Satish Kumar said that there is dull business since yesterday, though the prices of vegetables and fruits are low. He pointed out that the vendors are worried about poor business at a time when the market is receiving fresh arrivals of vegetable and fruit stocks in large quantities and even the prices are not higher.

Mandi Market tenants Association President Prem Kumar told *Star of Mysore* that the market is witnessing better business today as compared to Saturday. Pointing out that the residents of surrounding localities are coming to the market in large numbers, he said that overall, it can be said that the traders in the market are doing better business on Sunday, though the volume of business has not returned to pre-COVID levels.

Vani Vilas Market is also not witnessing any Sunday rush as was the scene in the past.

However, the Mutton Market in the heart of the city and other meat shops in localities, saw near normal business as people were seen venturing out of their homes for buying their Sunday quota of mutton, chicken or fish.

A chicken vendor at Devaraja mutton market said that Sunday sales has returned to near normal following the lifting of weekend curfew. Pointing out that people from nearby areas are coming to the market in good numbers as barricades have been removed and there are no travel restrictions, they said that they are somewhat satisfied with the weekend business.

Road encroachment cleared at Nanjangud

40m ft. wide road is now 60 ft. wide

Nanjangud, Jan. 23 (Chandru & KS)- In an early morning road encroachment clearance drive taken up by Nanjangud City Municipal Council (CMC) behind Citizen School today, the CMC authorities with the help of Police cleared the road encroachments and have converted the 40 ft. road into a 60 ft. one.

Armed with three earth excavating machines and trucks, the authorities, who arrived at the spot at about 5.30 am, began the road encroachment clearance drive at about 8 am. The drive was on when we went to the press at about 12.30 pm.

It is learnt that the road was earmarked as a 60 ft. road but the CMC authorities had planned to lay a 40 ft. road and a *guddali puja* was also performed for the commencement of road works. But the residents, who had opposed the 40 ft. road, demanded the authorities to lay a 60 ft. road as marked in the plan.

Bowing to the demands of the residents, the CMC officials this morning, took up the road encroachment clearance drive and demolished few houses, commercial establishments that had come up illegally on the road.

Road widening and other development works on this stretch of the road will be taken up in the coming days. Tahsildar Shivamurthy, CMC Commissioner Rajanna and staff were present. Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar and staff provided security during the drive.

Lata Mangeshkar's health improving

Lata Mangeshkar

Mumbai, Jan. 23 (SSM)- Legendary singer, Lata Mangeshkar's health condition has been improving. Dr. Pratit Samdani, who is treating the singer at Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai, shared the latest health update this morning.

As per Dr. Samdani, Lata Mangeshkar's health condition has improved from yesterday, however, she is still in the Intensive Care Unit. The veteran singer was admitted to the Breach Candy Hospital on Jan. 10, after she was diagnosed with COVID-19 and pneumonia.

Kushalnagar Traffic ASI missing under mysterious circumstances

Suresh

Kushalnagar, Jan. 23 (KS)- An Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) attached to Kushalnagar Traffic Police Station has gone missing under mysterious circumstances and Kushalnagar Town Police have launched a hunt to trace him.

The missing ASI is Suresh, a native of Konanur, who was residing at a rented house in Siddaiah Layout at Kushalnagar. Suresh, who returned the penalty receiving receipt book to the Police Station on Jan. 20, had told the staff that he would return after two days and has also made a video call to his wife and daughter in Bengaluru that night.

When calls were made to his mobile phone, it was switched off and his house was locked too. His wife has lodged a missing complaint at Kushalnagar Town Police Station.

It is learnt that Suresh is suffering nervous disorder and according to the tower location, his phone got switched off at Gummanakolli near Kushalnagar on Jan. 20 night.

A special Police team has been formed to trace the ASI.

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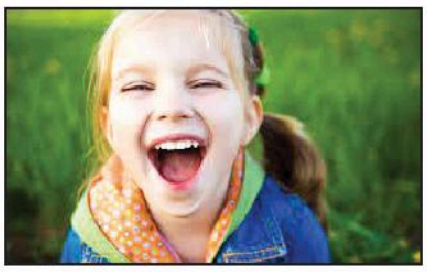
WORD OF THE DAY

Winsome



Pronunciation: WIN-sum.
Meaning: Winsome means "pleasing or cheerful."
Origin: Winsome comes from Old English wynn, meaning "joy" or "pleasure," which was altered in spelling to win (with the same meaning). That win is obsolete and is unrelated to today's win — referring to victory and coming from Old English winnan, "to struggle, suffer, or acquire." The adjective winning, meaning "tending to please or delight," as in "a winning smile" or "winning ways," is believed to be from the victorious win.
Example: "Among the fabled activists who risked their lives and transformed those of many others in the civil rights movement, [Julian Bond] stood out with his smooth patter, winsome charm, and understated glamour." — Gene Seymour

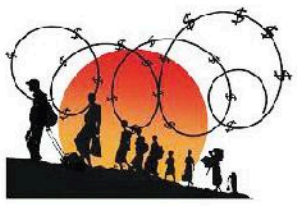
THE ODD WORD

Wanion

Ill luck; misfortune.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Pay the price



Meaning: The phrase 'Pay the Price' means to suffer the consequences of someone's actions.
Origin: Scholars found the first instance of a term with a meaning similar to the idiom 'pay the price' in ancient Greek text, where the word 'tinein' was used to describe punishment and defined as "to pay a price, punish, take vengeance." In Old English, the word 'worth' seen as 'weorþ' had several different meanings; among them, worthiness, merit, or price in terms of equivalent value.
Example: "Jack drank so much last night! Now he's paying the price for it."

QUOTE BOX

Price is what you pay. Value is what you get. **—Warren Buffett**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SIDE

Answer: Side by side.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Aunt in Spanish
4 Prison room
8 Time To Stn.
11 Advocate, in short
12 Precious stones
14 Be obliged to pay or repay
15 Martial arts great Bruce ___
16 Make a mistake or go wrong
17 Suitable
18 Prickly plants
20 Get on a horse
22 International Cricket Council, in short
24 Adult males
25 A blessing
28 Hurry, in old-fashioned or poetic English
30 Gymnast Korbut
34 Operatic princess
35 Primate
36 "Even" in short for the poet
37 Put in the oven
39 The German for 'east'
40 Song of praise
41 Greek goddess of dawn
43 Old French coin
45 Intestinal pouches
48 Directive; harmony?
52 Monetary unit of Afghanistan
53 Unit of frequency
57 Affirmative vote
58 Constellation next to Scorpius
59 Join together
60 Anger, literally speaking?
61 Samuel's pet name
62 Labels
63 Light-Emitting Diode

DOWN
1 Perfumed powder
2 A conception
3 French preposition
4 Funny
5 "Cycle" or "centre" prefix
6 ___ Vegas : the famous gambling city?
7 Doctor of Laws, degree
8 Bean curd
9 Double
10 The badger's home is called this
13 Not all
19 Soft white metal
21 Lennon's widow Yoko ____
23 Confusion or mess
24 Encounters
25 Front part of an apron
26 Concubine's room
27 Sturdy tree
29 Internet addresses
31 Land temporarily under grass
32 Jewel
33 Girl's name
38 European Economic Community
40 Wallace's hero Ben ___
42 Island of Hawaii
44 Drains slowly
45 Cert. Public. Accts.
46 Distinctive air
47 Ancient kingdom - "male" anagram?
49 Irish parliament
50 Charlotte Bronte's Jane ___
51 Type of water plant
54 Tolkien's tree like creature
55 Inlet for "air" change !
56 Time To Go

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	U	G	S	■	S	P	A	■	C	O	A	L
C	R	E	W	■	P	U	B	■	O	R	G	Y
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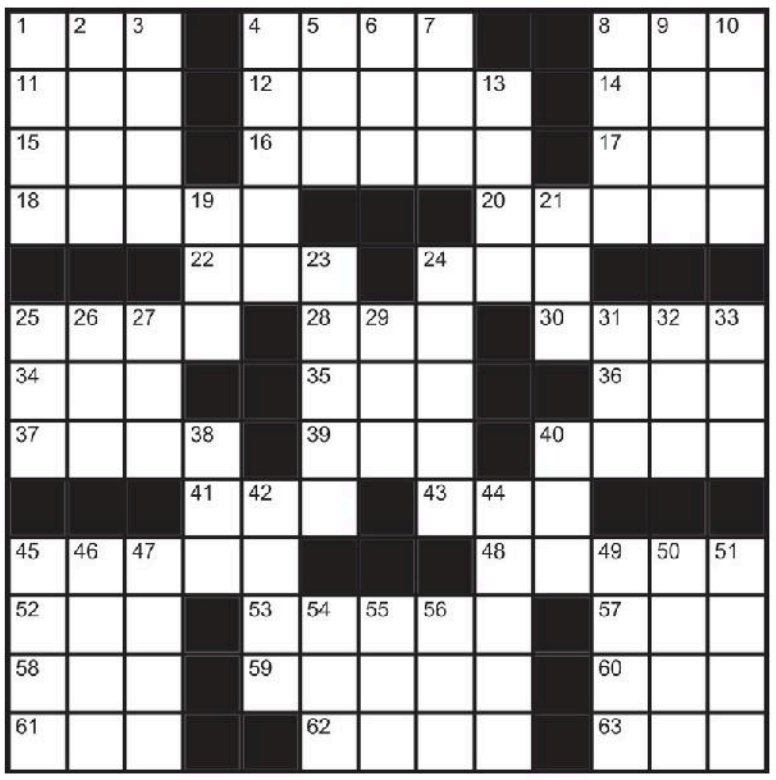

SUDOKU

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	7		5	9				
	6						8	
				2	7		5	
1					4	3		9
		9					6	
	2				9			1

Answer to previous puzzle

6	1	5	3	7	9	2	8	4
8	7	3	2	1	4	6	9	5
9	2	4	6	5	8	1	3	7
7	4	2	1	3	6	8	5	9
1	3	9	4	8	5	7	6	2
5	6	8	7	9	2	4	1	3
2	9	6	8	4	3	5	7	1
4	5	1	9	6	7	3	2	8
3	8	7	5	2	1	9	4	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

EMQA UA XHZWAUHJ TUA UBBUWAY PAXEIQZVQ

MQ WY U YUVQ. EMQA U YUVQ UBBUWAY

LAZQHYBUAZWAV MQ WY UA XHZWAUHJ TUA.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I will not allow yesterday's success to lull me into today's complacency, for this is the great foundation of failure.

Heritage Music Festival at 8th Cross V.V. Mohalla

Revised schedule of concerts

Mysuru, Jan. 23- A few concerts of the 60th Heritage Music Festival, organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust at 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, had to be postponed due to weekend curfew that was in place during the previous weekends. The revised schedule of the same is as follows:

Jan. 24: Violin Duet by Vid. Mysore Nagaraj and Vid. Dr. Mysore Manjunath. They will be accompanied by Vid. Thiruvarur Bhaktavatsalam on mridanga and Vid. Amruth on kanjira.

Jan. 25: Flute Recital by Vid. Shashank Subramayam. He will be accompanied by Vid. B.U. Ganesh Prasad on violin; Vid. Ananth R. Krishna on mridanga and Vid. Guruprasanna on kanjira.

Jan. 26: Vocal Concert by Vid. Vignesh Ishwar. He will be accompanied by Vid. Sai Rakshith on violin, Vid. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata.

Jan. 27: Vocal Concert by Vid. Vijay Siva. He will be accompanied by Vid. R.K. Shriramkumar on violin, Vid. Melakaveri Balaji on mridanga and Vid. Vyasa Vittala on kanjira.

Jan. 28: Vocal Duet by Trichur Brothers — Vid. Ramkumar Mohan and Krishna Mohan. Vid. L. Ramakrishnan on violin, Vid. Trichur Mohan on mridanga and Vid. B.S. Purushotam on kanjira.

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Hridayam (Ma)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 6.55 pm
	(S-4)	3.40 pm
Spiderman: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.00 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 1.25 pm, 4.10 pm
	(S-3)	7.00 pm
83 (H)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 1.05 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-4)	6.55 pm

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Hridayam (Ma)	(S-1)	5.50 pm
	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 4.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am
	(S-3)	2.35 pm
83 (H)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 5.40 pm
Spiderman: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 2.25 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (Te)	(S-4)	2.10 pm
Bangarraju (Te)	(S-4)	6.00 pm

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Badava Rascal (K)	:	12.15 pm, 6.40 pm
Bangarraju (Te)	:	2.50 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	:	3.05 pm
83 (H)	:	6.10 pm

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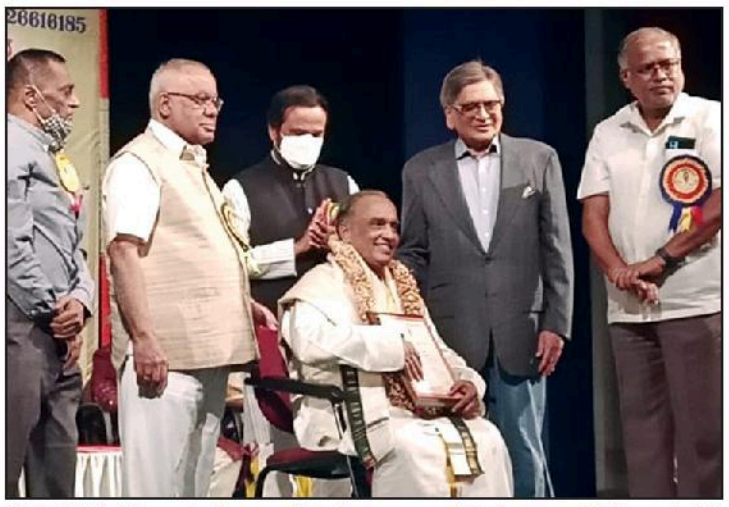
Badava Rascal (K)	:	1 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.40 pm
Bangarraju (Te)	:	11 am
Hridayam (Ma)	:	5.50 pm
Pushpa: The Rise - Part 1(K)	:	2.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Violin Maestro H.K. Narasimhamurthy conferred with 'Ajithashree'

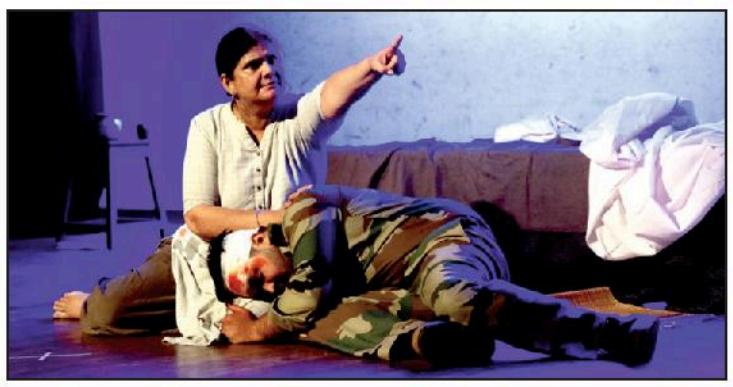


Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy is seen with former External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna, former Ministers S. Sureshkumar and PGR Sindhya, who is also the chief patron of Ajithkumar Smaraka Sanskritika Vedike and B.L. Shankar, former Speaker of Karnataka Assembly and President of the Vedike.

Mysuru, Jan. 23- Violin maestro and senior guru from Mysuru, Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy was conferred with 'Ajithashree' national award in music for the year 2020 by 'Ajithkumar Smaraka Sanskritika Vedike', Bengaluru, on Dec. 11 in recognition of his lifetime achievement and contribution to the field of music. The annual award is given in memory of late Sri Ajithkumar.

Ajithkumar was a Pracharak of Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh, who had spent his entire life working for the cause of the society and nation. By his selfless service, he has inspired innumerable brilliant youths to work for the society.

Rangasena's Sipahi ki Maa well-received



On the 97th birth anniversary of Hindi Playwright and Critic Mohan Rakesh, Rangasena gave an impactful dedication bringing his wonderful writing to life — 'Sipahi ki Maa.'

On 7th Jan., Hindi theatre team in Mysuru performed a drama on the very heart touching plot of the family of a soldier. The story revolved around a mother waiting for her son to return from the World War, and support her daughter's marriage.

Her emotions get real when she witnesses the refugees from Burma describe the condition of the war. The mother's anticipation, the daughter's hope, the refugees' suffering and the societal judgment are the raw emotions felt during the play.

Shukprit Singh, Director, had a very good eye for the vision of the play. He has led the team to practice and deliver in play in less than 13 days.

The roles of Nuthan (mother), Meghana (daughter) and Jashwant (soldier), along with the Burmese refugees, Mridula and Raazik, have steered the play to be stellar. The role of society played by Dakshyani and Raghav show the ignorance of outsiders to a soldier's life, reservations of an unmarried girl and lack of empathy to the refugees.

Lastly, the lighting by Raag Urs and music by K. Raju added the dramatics to the play. Overall, the 2nd play by Rangasena has been very well-received.

Rangasena, which was earlier known as Natrang, had first staged Hindi play 'Boodi Kaaki.'

—Srividya

Excels in Instrumental Music

Yeashas N. Kashyap, an 8th standard student at Sadvidya Semi-Residential School, has bagged 2nd prize in Instrumental Music (Flute) Contest organised by Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS), an initiative of SVYM and Swaralayam Arts Forum, Houston, USA, on the occasion of 13th Annual Sulochana Pattabhiraman Utsavam in the institute premises in Hebbal. A student of Smitha Srikiran in flute and Vid. M.S. Naveen in vocal, Yeashas is seen receiving the certificate from mridangist V. Ramesh, Kathak dancer Dr. Rohitha Eswer and Sudarshan of VIIS.

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Puneri Paltan Vs **Dabang Delhi**	8.30 pm

Yesterday's Results

Bengaluru Bulls	35
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Telugu Titans	35
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